Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 17th October, 1934.

(*c*) This will be considered.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What is the total expenditure incurred by Government on the Special Officer and the staff for the purpose of preparing a settlement memorandum ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : I claim notice.

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26 ***Mr .N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the judgment of Mr. Mack I. C. S., Sessions Judge, Tinnevelly, in the security proceedings case of one Ramalingam of Trivandrum casting aspersions on the conduct of the Travancore Police ; and

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry into the conduct of the officers involved therein, and, if so, what ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. They have since obtained a copy of the judgment also.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether this Ramalingam is included in the K. D. list ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : I rise to a point of order. May I know whether another member can put questions before the member who is in charge of the interpellation has asked a question ?

President : I thought the member did not get up. If the member wants he can ask questions.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Sir, I have nothing to ask.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether Ramalingam's name is included in the K. D. list ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : It is a confidential matter.

President : The information regarding K. D. list cannot be placed on the floor of the House.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : Is the member aware that Ramalingam has been convicted in British India or Ceylon at any time ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Yes.

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Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: If so, where and in how many cases?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: About half a dozen cases, two in Colombo, two in Madras City, two in Tinevelly and Travancore.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there was any theft in the Police Commissioner's Bungalow?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Sir, I think the question does not arise.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Can the member say that a question does not arise?

President: He has submitted it to the consideration of the Chair.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: I think the question arises in this way, Sir.

President: What is the question, please?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there was a theft in the Police Commissioner's Bungalow and whether Ramalingam was suspected?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Yes, there was a case of theft in the Commissioner's Bungalow and Ramalingam is one of the many suspected.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when the theft took place and when Ramalingam was suspected?

President: I allow the first portion of the question but not the latter.

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I cannot give the exact date of the offence.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Was there any application for a writ of *Habeas Corpus* in the High Court preferred by the mother of Ramalingam?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: May I ask the Chair whether this question of *Habeas Corpus* is relevant?

President: I would like to tell the House that inasmuch a the answer given by the Government is that they have since received a copy of the judgment and that the whole question arising out of that judgment is under their consideration, it would be rather hard on the member responsible for this answer to go into the various facts connected with this judgment and give anything like a definite answer. It is embarrassing and therefore I beg of the House not to pursue that question any further, but defer all questions till Government have decided the matter; then every member will be given an opportunity to probe into all aspects of it.

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